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EL SALVADOR: NO BREAKTHROUGH SEEN IN DUARTE KIDHAPPING

EL SALVADOR EL DIARIO DE HOY IN SPANISH 18 OCT 85 PP 2, 17

((EXCERPT)) CONSIDERING THAT THE KIDNAPPINGS OF THE MAYORS WERE PROMPTED BY CAUSES DIFFERENT THAN THOSE THAT I ROMPTED THE KIDNAPPING OF PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DAUGHTER, SECTORS WHICH ONCE AGAIN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FHLM, DO NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL BY THE GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE THE RELEASE OF ALL OF

THE ABOVE CAN BE DEDUCED FROM YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT BY CULTURE. AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JULIO ADOLFO REY PRENDES DURING SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCES WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWSMEN AT THE PRESIDENTIAL HOUSE.

AFTER THE 24-HOUR NEWS BLACKOUT REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SO AS TO NOT HAMPER THE NEGOTIATIONS, APPARENTLY THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS THAT MAY INDICATE THE IMMINENT RELEASE OF THES GUADALUPE DUARTE AND HER SLASSTATE WHA CECILIA VILLEDA.

THE MINISTER ADDED THAT ACTIONS WITHIN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. FOR THAT REASON HE ASKED NEWSMEN TO REFRAIN FROM SPECULATION.

HE SAID THAT APPARENTLY THERE IS NO INTENTION TO CARRY OUT AN EXCHANGE. ON THIS MATTER, HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN STEPS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE MOSTAGES, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE. HOWEVER, HE WARNED THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE & DECISION. ANSWERING NEWSMEN S OUECTIONS, RET PREMOES SAID INAT HE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE CHY COMMENTS.

REGARDING INES DUARTE'S HEALTH, REY PRENDES SAID THAT THERE WAS NO WORD ON THAT.

HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES REITERATED THAT THE KIDNAPPERS, WHO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE PEDRO PABLO CASTILLO COMMANDO GROUP, BELONG TO THE FMLM, AND THAT THAT TERRORIST ORGANIZATION'S TOP LEADERSHIP SUPPORTS THE RIGHAPPING THE SOURCES SAID THAT THIS IS SO BECAUSE REFRESENTATIVES OF AT LEAST ONE WESTERN GOVERNMENT HAVE HET WITH FHEN DELEGATES WHO HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE HOLDING PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DAUGHTER. ASKED ABOUT THIS REPORT, REY PRENDES REFUSED TO MAKE ANY CONNENT. (PASSAGE OMITTED))

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